

Information about your water, drainage, wastewater and solid waste utility services.

Better Recycling Coming March 30

Starting March 30, Seattle residents will have more choices in how they reduce, reuse, and recycle. Service changes include:

- A new collection day for most households.
- WEEKLY food and yard waste collection for all single-family households.
- All food scraps can go in your food and yard waste cart including meat, fish and dairy.
- More food and yard waste cart sizes to choose from!
- More paper, plastic and metal items will be able to be recycled, including cups, deli trays, aluminum foil and plastic plant pots.
- Glass bottles and jars go in your recycling cart — no more separating!
- Electronics, used motor oil, and bulky items can be collected through special new services!



Sample Mailer

These changes begin March 30. Check your mailbox for detailed information on changes to your garbage and recycling services, including your collection day. If you haven't received more details by March 23, please contact (206) 684-3000 or visit www.seattle.gov/util.

Compost at Home



Composting at home is a great way to build healthy soil in your garden.

City of Seattle residents can purchase compost bins at discounted prices either online at www.seattle.gov/binsandbarrels or by calling (206) 684-0190.

We have two composting options:

- Yard waste compost bins: \$25 each, one per household. For your leaves, grass and garden clippings.
- Green Cone food waste bins: \$25 each, two for \$40 (two per household). Two Green Cones provide year-round food scrap composting.

We also sell easy-to-use rain barrels for \$75 each plus tax (retail price \$100).

Bins can be picked up at Magnuson Park on Sand Point Way NE (map on website) and home delivery is available for an additional fee.

Paperless Billing Update

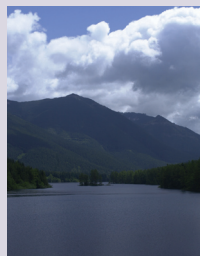
Reduce paper and save time! Electronic billing is available for all utility customers.



Customers create a user ID and password and receive new bill e-mail alerts. You can make single or automatic payments with a credit card or bank account and archive bills for 24 months. Adobe Acrobat Reader is required. You will need your utility account number and mailing zip code to get started. Sign up for electronic billing at www.seattle.gov/util and search "Billing and Payment Options."

Explore, Discover and Learn with the Cedar River Watershed Institute

Seattle Public Utilities invites you to join our workshops, field trips and festivals happening this year at the 91,000-acre Cedar River Municipal Watershed, which provides clean drinking water to 1.4 million people in the greater Seattle area.



Opportunities to get outside and explore, discover and learn abound. 25 programs are being offered in 2009. Explore environments near the timberline with an ecologist or discover the wonders of water with our naturalists. Join author Paul Bannick to learn about the intriguing connection between owls and woodpeckers. Enjoy a campfire program, go for a nature stroll or take a tour of the historic townsite of Taylor.

To download a catalog with program schedules, fees and registration information, go to www.seattle.gov/util/crwec or call (206) 733-9421 to have a catalog mailed. Registration begins on March 1.



Spring Clean Your Neighborhood

Spring is here and so is your chance to beautify your neighborhood. Now in its 23rd year, Spring Clean is Seattle's premier public space cleanup program.

This year's Spring Clean runs from Saturday, April 4 to Saturday, May 30. Projects include litter pickups, removal of invasive plants such as English ivy, weeding and general upkeep of traffic circles and planting strips, storm drain stenciling, and graffiti removal.

Spring Clean participants are eligible to receive FREE resources from Seattle Public Utilities including tools, cleanup bags, gloves, safety vests, and waste collection.

Spring Clean is part of Mayor Nickels' Clean and Green Initiative. For more information, visit www.seattle.gov/util and search "Spring Clean" or call (206) 233-7187.

Credit and Collection Changes



Starting in March, Seattle Public Utilities will no longer hand deliver shut-off notices to customers for delinquent balances prior to water shutoff. These notices will now be mailed to our customers. Learn more online at www.seattle.gov/util and search "SPU Credit and Collection Policy" or call (206) 684-3000.

New Rules for Latex Paint

As of February 1, Seattle Public Utilities stopped accepting latex paint at its Household Hazardous Waste facilities.



Recent research shows that latex paint can safely be put in the garbage, if it's dry or solidified first. Just follow these simple steps:

1. Dry it out.
2. Put it in your garbage.
3. We'll pick it up on collection day.

Questions about leftover paint? Contact the Local Hazardous Waste Management Program's Household Hazards Line at (206) 296-4692 or go to www.govlink.org/hazwaste.

